

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A printing apparatus for printing a print medium with a print head, comprising:

- 5       a tray on which to put the print medium;  
      a tray guide removably mounted to the printing apparatus to support the tray so that it can be fed;  
      detecting means for detecting whether or not the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus; and  
10       control means for controlling the printing apparatus;

      wherein the control means changes its control on the printing apparatus according to a result of the detection by the detecting means.

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2. A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further including a carriage for carrying and moving the print head;

- wherein the control means controls a position of  
20       the carriage according to the result of the detection by the detecting means.

3. A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 2,

- wherein the print head is removably mounted on the  
25       carriage; and

      wherein, when the detecting means detects that the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus, the

control means prohibits the carriage from moving to a replacement position where the print head can be mounted to or dismounted from the carriage.

5        4. A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further including a transport roller to transport the tray;

         wherein the control unit controls a driving of the transport roller according to the result of the  
10 detection by the detecting means.

         5. A printing method for printing a print medium with a print head, comprising the steps of:

         removably mounting to a printing apparatus a tray  
15 guide that supports a tray on which the print medium is placed so that the tray can be fed;

         detecting whether or not the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus by a detecting means; and

         changing a control on the printing apparatus by a  
20 control unit according to a result of the detection by the detecting means.